



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM opposes Proposed House Bill 5797 "An Act Prohibiting High-Density Housing Near a Working Farm"

This proposal would prohibit the location of any high-density housing projects near a working farm.

While CCM understands the conflict that can sometimes arise between farmers and residential property owners, this bill would usurp the authority of local planning commissions. These decisions are best left up to the community to determine what is the appropriate policy for their municipality. Also, such a measure could severely hamper affordable housing efforts.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on this bill.

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